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SUBJ: SMITHSONIAN: ACQUISITION OF OLDUVAI BONES

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1. EMBASSY OFFICER DISCUSSED DELIVERY OF FOSSIL BONES WITH A.A. MTURI OF ANTIQUITIES DIVISION. MTURI HAS NOT YET RECEIVED BONES FROM DR.

MARY LEAKEY BUT IS AWARE OF SITUATION. MTURI PLANS TO TRAVEL TO OLDUVAI WITHIN WEEK AND WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO BRING BACK BONES ON HIS RETURN TRIP.

2. MTURI REVIEWED DIFFICULTIES OF REACHING DR. LEAKEY BY RADIO TELEPHONE BUT SUGGESTED EMBASSY ATTEMPT TO REACH HER THROUGH NATIONAL MUSEUM IN NAIROBI WHICH SHE VISITS FROM TIME TO TIME. STAFF MEMBER (DR. LEAKEY'S SECRETARY) IN NAIROBI MUSEUM TELEPHONED EMBASSY AND CONTENTS OF REFTELS WERE RELAYED TO HER. SHE PROMISED TO PASS INFORMATION TO DR. LEAKEY AT FIRST OPPORTUNITY.

3. HOPEFULLY FROM EITHER MTURI OR CONTACT IN NAIROBI MUSEUM WE WILL CATCH UP WITH BONES, THEREBY PERMITTING ONWARD SHIPMENT TO WASHINGTON.
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